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JPK***Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A magnetic head for writing information on a relatively-moving medium, the head having a leading end, a trailing end and a medium-facing surface, the head comprising:

    a first soft magnetic pole layer disposed in the head adjacent to the medium-facing surface and extending substantially perpendicular to the medium-facing surface;

    a second soft magnetic pole layer disposed closer than the first soft magnetic pole layer to the trailing end, the second soft magnetic pole layer magnetically coupled to the first soft magnetic pole layer in a backgap region that is removed from the medium-facing surface;

    a soft magnetic pedestal adjoining the second pole layer, the soft magnetic pedestal disposed closer than the second soft magnetic pole layer to the medium-facing surface and extending less than the second soft magnetic pole layer extends from the medium-facing surface, the soft magnetic pedestal separated from the first soft magnetic pole layer by a nonferromagnetic gap, the soft magnetic pedestal having a thickness that is less than four hundred and fifty nanometers between the nonferromagnetic gap and the second soft magnetic pole layer; and

    a conductive section that is disposed between and electrically isolated from the first and second soft magnetic pole layers, the conductive section being part of a coil; and

wherein the magnetic head has at least one set of characteristics selected from a group consisting of the following sets of characteristics:

        (a) the conductive section is ferromagnetic and the coil substantially encircles the second soft magnetic pole layer;